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DROUGHT SITUATION IN STATES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain parts of the country are currently in the grip of drought;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the extent of loss suffered by each State as a result thereof during the current year;

(d) the assistance and foodgrains sought, State-wise; and

(e) the actual amount released and foodgrains provided to overcome the problem as on date, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (e): No State Government has so far reported any drought situation in the wake of inadequate/deficient rainfall during South-West Monsoon 2007. However, ready availability of funds exist in the Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) of the States to enable them take immediate relief measures in the wake of natural calamities including drought.